

Divestment forgotten

by Albert Nerenberg

McGill University's commitment to reducing its financial links with South Africa seem to be evaporating. The committee in charge of the investigation has met only once this year. At least one non-student member resigned in a possible protest against University inaction on divestment.

The Chairman of the Board of Governor's Committee on Matters of Social Responsibility, Lawrence McDougall, resigned last spring. Yesterday, he said of his decision to leave the committee "you get to a point where you think you're wasting your time."

The committee has been investigating certain corporations

in which McGill has invested with regard to their links with South Africa. Last winter, it made recommendations to the Board concerning some of these corporations.

In March, the Board announced that it had divested from two oil companies which had links with the South African military. However, since then, the Board hasn't acted on or made public mention of the issue.

McDougall refused to comment specifically on why he resigned. "I don't think that I could give you the reasons, it was in confidential session," he said.

However he said of the Board's reaction to committee

proposals that "it was in the implementation of the recommendations where we had some disagreement. Some of the recommendations we made weren't acted on immediately".

Governor Hugh Hallward left the committee to become Chairman of the Board at the beginning of this year. When asked as chairman, if the Board had discussed the divestment issue in the first three meetings so far this year he replied "no".

The Board did not discuss divestment in the open period of its most recent and fourth meeting held on Monday November 15th. Members of the South Africa Committee picketed and were asked to leave when the Board went into closed session. Governors are not permitted to divulge information concerning what goes on during the closed session.

Committee members Professor P.J. Harris and Governor emeritus Donald McEnroe have left the committee as well.

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Duluth St. destroyed

by Robbie Hart

The explosion of restaurants which has savaged Duluth St. in the past two years is still "a vital issue in the hearts and minds of constituents" according to newly elected Montréal city councillor Michel Prescott.

Prescott, who scored an upset victory over his profile Civic Party incumbent Sid Stevens in district 34 which covers the eastern half of Duluth, contends that the commercialization of the street was imposed from above with little or no consultation between the city, developers, and local residents.

"There are apartment units in district 34 that remain unused and barricaded. In a neighbourhood where fires and fire-hazards are numerous, it seems ludicrous for the city to spend tax dollars settling up decorative malls and flower pots," said Prescott.

District 39 covers the eastern half of the Duluth St. area and Civic Party incumbent Richard Godin was also beaten by an MCMer, former party president Jean Roy.

There is no doubt that the city's Duluth St. redevelopment plan played a part in the defeats of the two Civic Party councillors.

"The Civic Party acts as if the city and the street belong exclusively to mayor Jean Drapeau and the executive committee," said Prescott.

According to Prescott the end result is an unplanned and unco-ordinated commercial development, that overrides the real needs and priorities of the neighbourhood.

Local residents complain that the quality of life in the neighbourhood has deteriorated

in the last two years. Within a brief 18 month period the street underwent an unprecedented commercial boom. Twenty-eight new restaurants were opened along a short six-block strip of Duluth.

In response to the boom local citizens formed a neighbourhood organization called "Les voisins du rue Duluth" and waged a serious campaign to halt further restaurant openings.

"In the beginning there were only a handful of people involved, but we soon discovered that the whole public was being displaced and that the issues ranged from inadequate parking facilities to the sudden escalation of rents," said Constance Ramasierre, a co-founder of the group.

Local residents claim that Duluth St. has become a hazard

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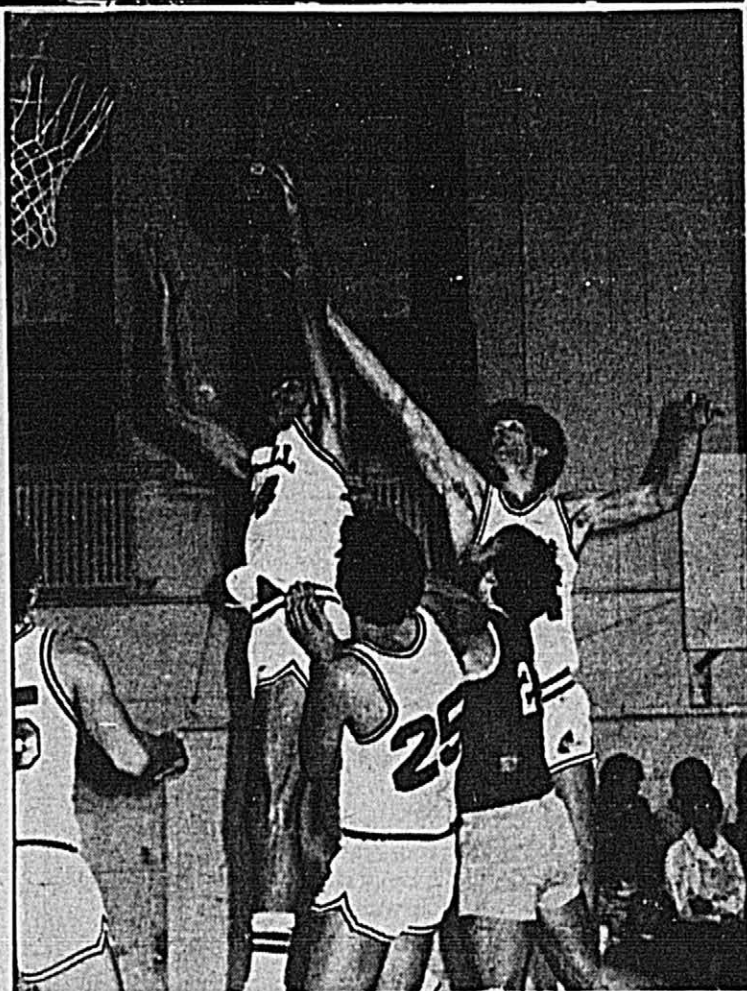
Tough times for working women

by Mary O'Neill

Can women fit into today's business world as anything but secretaries or fluff balls? A conference last Monday at Vanier-Snowdon Cegep says they can, but women have to work twice as hard as men to do so.

Career Women in the eighties: myth or reality featured a panel discussion with four 'career' women presenting their ideas to an aspiring audience composed mostly of women.

The panel discussion started with Greta Nemiroff, Ad-



To-echoing chants of "Divest now!" the McGill alumni lost their charity game against the Redmen basketball team last Friday 123-107.

ministrative Director of Women's Studies at Dawson College explaining how she juggles the dual role of wife/mother and career woman.

"One reason why I have gotten where I am today," said Nemiroff, "is because I have a 'wife'. There is no way that I could do what I do at work everyday and come home and work another five or six hours." Nemiroff's 'wife' of course refers to her housekeeper of twenty years.

One of Nemiroff complaint's

about working in a male-dominated atmosphere is that women are denied "informal" channels of information. She related how her male co-workers would go to the local tavern to discuss the day's decisions. Women are prohibited from such establishments in this province, so Nemiroff found herself cut off from this source of unofficial dialogue.

Susan Roussos works with the National Film Board as Chief of Staffing. She, like many women who go on to higher administrative positions, started as a secretary. "As a woman, I feel very lucky," she said.

Roussos told the audience about the intimidating circumstances of her first board meeting. Being the only woman in the room, she was immediately asked to take minutes. She refused, to the dismay of her employers. "It was not that I was not able to take notes," she said, "It was just not the place for me to take notes."

The Star will be uneven because Jews have diverse ideas on Middle East politics. You have everything from socialists to right wing neo-conservatives. The paper won't be an intellectual anarchy, but we want to bring the issues together and get people to listen to them," said Resnik.

Even among the paper's 60-person staff, the only point of political consensus is that the state of Israel has a right to exist.

"In what form it should exist, there is no agreement. The hardest thing is openly disagreeing with the policies of Israel," he said.

Hillel launches new student publication

by Molra Ambrose

Last week the first edition of a new paper hit the stands. A 12-page issue of the Hillel Star appeared bearing the motto "the voices of Jewish students."

The paper's first two issues are being funded by the Board of Directors of Hillel House, the Jewish students' union at McGill.

Editorial collective member Brahm Resnik said, "There is a real need for a publication on campus to bring Jewish students together. Hillel decided to start it because it is the dominant group that provides information about most events concerning Jewish students."

Resnik, who co-ordinated the first issue and was editor-in-chief of *The Daily* last year, said some people "perceive the paper as a reaction to anti-semitism and a way to get the Jewish point across, but that's not the case."

This fall, the word "Palestine" and graffiti equating the Star of David with a swastika were spray-painted on McGill buildings. Debates about the Middle East and the massacres at the refugee camps of Sabra and Chatilla, as well as organized discussion sessions such as Palestine Week, sparked on-campus controversy over Israeli government policies.

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Last year's Student Society President, Liz Norman, who was elected on a platform advocating McGill divestment, has been replaced on the committee by this year's president, Bruce Williams.

Williams, during an interview with the *Daily* last year, said

that "divestment is not going to solve the problem of apartheid..."

However he suggested an alternative: "Let's attack the country not the North American companies that invest there."

According to Williams, the committee has not had an of-

ficial meeting since he took on the presidency last June.

Carl Goldenberg, the newly appointed committee Chairman, is apparently ill and therefore unavailable for comment.

When reached yesterday, the Vice-Chairman of the committee, Professor J.A. Duff, said he was too busy to comment.

...Duluth restaurants

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dous and congested traffic zone that seriously impedes the flow of regular activities. High noise levels, insufficient parking space, and the constant presence of restaurant odours are all major irritants for the people living in the area.

Michel Prescott is worried about the long-term effects the redevelopment will have on the neighbourhood.

"What have decorative lam-

posts done for the heating and living conditions of local residents, other than escalate the speculative value of property," he asks, adding that "in the long-run this will inevitably lead to higher rents."

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Video: it's no game

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This game feeds into some of the prejudice, myths and dangerous values ingrained in our society. Sure, it's just a game, but it is a medium, it is communicating ideas to the player:

Idea 1: To succeed is to gain power (preferably stripping others of power at the same time), to score the most points, to humiliate.

Idea 2: To rape is to win, to be a success.

Idea 3: The "squaw" is to be conquered...white man conquers red woman. Yahoo.

Why do the players of "Custer's Revenge" find it unobjectionable, even though it condones and encourages violence, rape, and racism — attitudes and ideas to which our society (sometimes) objects?

Because we have developed a certain detachment from the machines of the computer era: the buzz, beep and whirr, the flashing lights, the computer error. They are incomprehensible mysteries to most of us. The player doesn't rape the native woman, he just pushes the buttons.

However, look at the players in front of the screen: they stand with grim determination, knuckles white and jaw set. Their involvement in the action is obvious.

We introduce participatory technology. But instead of taking responsibility for their thoughts and actions, the participant's culpability is disguised. They pretend detachment from a rape that is easily engineered via hand controls.

Atari's "Custer's Revenge" is sold for family consumption in the United States. Due to public pressure, Canada Customs is now reviewing the department's October 18th decision to allow the game into the country.

People will probably continue playing video games to release tension, to quicken reflexes, to win. Players cannot ignore their responsibility for the significance of what appears on the screen.

Technology itself cannot be blamed for a video game that declares men should rape, that native people should be stripped of all power, that inflicting violence and humiliation against women are acceptable standards of success.

Manufacturers are profiting from society's sick values. Society condemns racism and sexism...until it becomes a money-making venture.

Molra Ambrose Suzy Goldenberg
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RCMP: no justice

The MacDonald Royal Commission report on RCMP wrong-doing, and the RCMP itself, have apparently been put on the shelf by the Trudeau government.

The MacDonald commission, after holding extensive hearings, after accumulating hundreds of pages of testimony and depositions from past and present RCMP officers, after examining official records, and after listening to Canadians from coast to coast, produced results.

The commission documented scores of illegal acts by RCMP officers; tampering with mail, theft, breaking and entering, examining confidential income tax records, wiretapping, the list is long and frightening. Let us not forget as well the harassment and intimidation of Canadians which were "accepted practice" for the security branch of the RCMP.

Nothing has really happened as a result of the damning MacDonald report and it is questionable whether anything will happen. In brief:

- The Commission recommended that the security branch of our national police force be separated from the regular police function of the RCMP and that an entirely new agency be created to handle 'security' related matters. Although someone has been appointed to oversee the transition the matter is still "under study" by the federal government. The report said that changes had to be made, it would be nice to know what changes, if any, are being contemplated.

- Although not specifically related to the MacDonald Commission report the fact that it is still not possible, after years of empty promises, for a Canadian citizen to request that the RCMP make available to an individual any information it may have gathered concerning that individual is unnerving to say the least. It certainly calls into question the federal government's public commitment to 'freedom of information' law in Canada.

- Most disturbing of all is the news that the federal government has decided not to go to court and prosecute on the basis of the MacDonald Commission's findings. This decision was apparently taken by the cabinet this summer, but only become public a few days ago when Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan let it slip that the feds weren't interested in dealing with all the fuss and bother of prosecuting people who have allegedly committed criminal acts. It now appears that only Québec will actually put the commission's findings to the test before judge and jury. The other provinces for the moment are following Ottawa's lead.

One almost feels sorry for the individual officers who are bearing the brunt of the blame for the actions of the RCMP. It is now clear that even cabinet ministers knew that 'acceptable police conduct' might or could include criminal acts — things you or I might go to prison for. Perhaps the government is afraid of what might happen if it was called to the witness stand?

G. Pierre Goad
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House Notes

An explanation...

Readers of today's Daily may notice that there is a significantly larger proportion of advertisements than usual. Perhaps some of you will be overjoyed to find less of our copy, but, nevertheless, we feel we owe you an explanation.

The Daily's finances are tight at the moment. We have two traditional sources of revenue; student fees paid annually at registration, and advertising. This year our printing expenses have risen faster than our revenue. Undaunted by the present financial crisis we opened our own successful typesetting shop to increase revenue this year.

Even with this new source of revenue we find it difficult to balance our budget. Unlike many student organisations the Daily does not endorse the principal of deficit budgeting.

Our principal problem lies with a projected decrease in our national advertising lineage, which is handled for us by Canadian University Press Media Services. Large corporations are in trouble, recruitment ads have almost disappeared from the pages of the student press, and other companies have had to cut back on adverts.

One of the actions which we have to

take in order to rectify our budgetary situation is an increase in our ad-to-copy ratio. These ratios are variable and depend on the type of ad (McGill, local or national) and the number of ads (at a certain point the ratio drops as the lineage increases because larger papers cost less per page).

It is ironic (and possibly fitting) that the crisis of capitalism should bite at your local agent of social change. However, we intend to prevent drastic cuts. We are studying additional means of raising revenue this year and would gladly accept any legal suggestions for such projects.

Budget restraint and some high ad-issues may result in less copy, but we are committed to maintaining the quality of the newspaper in these times. Economic crisis have hit at the Daily before — in 1932 the Saturday issue of the paper was cancelled due to advertising decreases — but we have always pulled through. Though money is tight, we can draw some solace from the fact that our budgetary problems bear nothing in comparison to those of our local Students' Society, our University or the Québec government.

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Feature

German Greens grow

by Martin Siberok

What was considered a harmless joke two years ago is now being viewed as one of the biggest threats to the stability of West German politics. Those who consider it most threatening are the ones with the most to lose, in this case the established political parties. This new threat is commonly known as *die Grünen* (the Greens), West Germany's environmentalist and anti-nuclear party.

Though referred to as the Green Party, the Greens are far from being a party in the traditional sense. The Greens are an amalgamation of local and national interest groups that have formed common fronts to run against the established parties in various West German municipal and state elections. In Hamburg they are called the Green Alternative List, while in Berlin they are known as the Alternative List.

The Greens are comprised of an assortment of groups and peoples: ecologists, pacifists, naturalists, feminists, anti-nuclearists, anarchists, gays, communists, and the list continues. The strength of the Greens lies in their regional base and in their close ties with the grass-roots. Thus the group's attraction and support varies depending on the local issues, and how these concerns are expressed in the platform. These include their stand against all forms of nuclear power, their support of disarmament and the favouring of a neutral West Germany.

Nearly all the Greens' electoral attempts have met with success. Two months ago the Greens were able to win nine seats in the state parliament of Hesse, polling eight per cent of the popular vote. This made Hesse the sixth state in which the Greens have won representation. The other five are: Bremen (6 seats), Baden-Württemberg (6), Berlin (9), Lower Saxony (11) and Hamburg (9). (There are 11 state governments in West Germany.)

The only failure to date was early October in the Bavarian state elections. The Greens fell short of the mandatory five per cent required for electing

members to state parliaments. This failure was however to be expected: alternative ideas find little support in conservative Bavaria, fiefdom of Franz-Josef Strauss, leader of the Christian Socialist Union (CSU) and premier of the state.

The Greens' gains have always been at the expense of the Free Democratic Party (FDP), the traditional third party and, up to now, kingmaker in West German politics. On the state level it is now the Greens who hold the balance of power in several state parliaments where neither the Social Democratic Party (SPD) nor the Christian Democratic Party (CDU) were able to gain outright majorities. The traditional Free Democrats have been replaced by an unpredictable and alternative party.

Founded by Herbert Gruhl, an ex-CDU member of parliament, the Greens originally had a conservative appeal. After writing a book about the mismanagement of the German environment in 1975 entitled *A Planet is being Plundered* (which became a bestseller), Gruhl decided to form an ecological party.

The Greens' first successes occurred on the municipal level in 1977, followed two years later by their first state election success in Bremen. That same year the Greens were able to win 3.2 per cent of the national vote for the European Parliament. Four years ago the Greens were polling around one per cent in various state elections, today they are receiving between five and eight per cent. Throughout West Germany there are approximately 1,000 Greens sitting in municipal, county and state governments, with close to 25,000 people claiming membership nationally.

As the movement has grown over the years, a change has occurred in the make-up of the active membership. The conservative element, largely represented by environmentalists and concerned farmers, has been replaced by former members of the SPD and small leftist fringe parties. Even Gruhl is no longer a member of his old movement. The inner core of certain regional group-

ings has been taken over by ex-Maoist activists, without whose organizational talents the Greens would be in disarray.

Several of the representatives in certain state parliaments are former, or still active, members of small communist splinter groups. In Hamburg, four of the nine representatives were communists, who now consider themselves radical democrats. There are also a large of number

the SPD, is the high percentage of young people attracted to the Greens. Polls have shown that 40 per cent of the young (under 30) would not vote if the Greens did not exist. Many of the young have become totally disenchanted with existing politics in West Germany, and feel their interests and concerns are not expressed by the established parties: unemployment, social service cutbacks, housing.

As of yet there is no national Green party nor a cohesive party platform. Each regional group functions autonomously,

the Americans, especially with the future likelihood that the Greens might win seats in the *Bundestag* (the federal parliament). Thus the peace movement would not only possess a voice in West Germany, but also in the EEC and, more importantly, in NATO.

Certain members of the Greens fear the possibility of the party becoming too big, thereby turning into a party which could easily be cut off from its grass-roots constituency. To ensure close grass-roots contact, certain mechanisms have been established. These include the



Greens protest construction of Frankfurt military runway.

of former Social Democrats, which include some the Greens' leading ideologues and national executive members. This close connection with the SPD is of great concern to the Social Democrats, whose left-wing members are continuously on the verge of defection.

The various Green groupings have attracted familiar figures from the 60s, some of whom have re-surfaced in leading positions: in Frankfurt Daniel Cohn-Bendit, better known as Danny Le Rouge of Paris 68; in Berlin, Dieter Kunzelmann, ex-member of *Kommune 1* (Berlin's infamous political commune) and student leader in '67. The Greens have also attracted such people as Otto Schily, former defense lawyer for Gundrun Esslin, core member of the Baader-Meinhof group; Rudolf Bahro, exiled East German dissident Marxist theoretician and economist; and writer Raphael Keppel, who hijacked a plane five years ago with a toy gun to protest the inhuman social system in West Germany.

One thing that frightens the established parties, especially

deciding on what they consider to be the best course of action. In Bremen the Greens voted with the CDU for social welfare cutbacks. In Baden-Württemberg where their support is more rural, the Greens backed the CDU's proposal of re-instituting local schools. In Berlin the Greens strongly defend squatter's rights, and debate the pros and cons of supporting violent demonstrations.

At present strong communication between the various state organizations is lacking. In some cases, certain regional Green parties do not even recognize the legitimacy of the others.

An issue though that is shared by all the Greens is its opposition to the deployment of American medium-range Cruise and Pershing nuclear missiles on German soil next year. They also favour the departure of the foreign military presence in both Germanies thereby creating a neutral Germany. Here they find a strong ally in the SPD's left-wing, including the party's chairman, ex-chancellor Willy Brandt.

The growing support for the Greens is a definite worry for

rotation of elected legislators with their assistants after two years of their four-year terms, as well as placing limits on their salaries with a certain monthly percentage being used to fund party projects.

Petra Kelly, one of the three chairpeople of the National Executive, would prefer having the Greens remain around the six-seven per cent mark, thus allowing them to be uncompromising with their demands.

This very idea has caused many to attack the Greens as anti-democratic, out to destroy the democratic system in West Germany. This situation has arisen in the Hamburg parliament, where the Green Alternative List (GAL) has held the balance of power since the elections last June. Since the GAL refused to support the SPD government, even after other Greens had asked them to, fresh elections have been called only six months after the last ones. The GAL's uncompromising position might have detrimental effects for the party, especially in a country where political instability frightens the majority of the population.



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SPORTS

Redmen rally — but lose

by Earl Zukerman

On Saturday, McGill faced Concordia. The intensity of the rivalry is well known.

Good refereeing is fast becoming extinct in the league. McGill scored the only goal of the first stanza when Burnett set up another faceoff goal as his draw went back to Gilles Hudon who blasted in his 5th goal of the campaign.

Con U scored the lone second period goal when an overzealous linesman waved 2 consecutive McGill players out of the faceoff

circle without throwing out any Stingers. Paul Bédard won the draw and promptly scored.

The third period began with both teams playing 2 men short. Con U's Bédard walked in alone to score on Darren Turner when 2 of the 3 Redmen collided at the blueline.

Lots of great scoring opportunities couldn't get past Héon who leads the QAAA goalies with a 2.64 against average.

The final score was Stingers 3 McGill 1.

RED RESIDUEThe game

featured excellent penalty kicking by McGill (notably Ian and Fraser Gamble, Brad Field and Tim Bossy) who successfully staved off 6 Stinger PP's including two 2 man advantages...It also included 170 Redmen hits, a McGill-QAAA season high...Fraser Gamble suffered a broken toe and a concussion... The Redmen have three QAAA Top Ten Scorers: Burnett (1st), Beaucage (5th), and F. Gamble (10th)...Next home game is Friday night against Laval...Between period entertainment will feature Sandra Carter and her Aerobic Dance Troupe.

Martlets win tough game

by Laura Lisiak

Last weekend the McGill Martlets participated in the 11th annual Concordia Converse Classic at the Loyola Athletic Complex. The Martlets lost their first game to St. John's College (New York) on Thursday, but regained their composure to go on to win the Consolation Final on Saturday afternoon. Not bad, considering that they had to beat Guelph and the University of New Brunswick to win that title.

The first game, against St. John's College was full of action right through. It was a high percentage shooting game. The Martlets were able to hold on to the lead for most of the first half. After twenty minutes of play, the

two teams were tied with 35 points each.

The final score was 75-72. It was the best game of the season for our Martlets who played hard right to the end to achieve this slim loss.

Friday, the Martlets played Guelph University. It was an unusual victory for our Martlets, who threw away a 16 point lead in the first half then had a fight to leave at half time with an 11 point lead.

In the second half, Guelph adapted their offense, but McGill won 74-66.

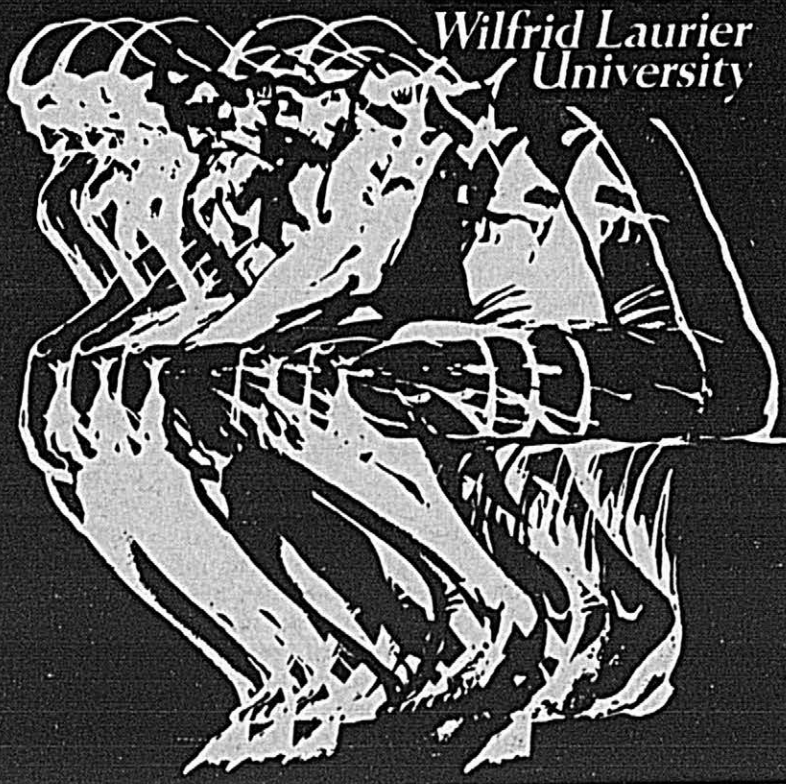
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